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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This Response is filed in reply to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 10, 2008.

Applicant elects the invention of Group I, identified as claims 1-4 and 6-11, drawn to an ultrasonic operating apparatus, classified in class 606, subclass 169.

Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application directed to the subject matter covered in the non-elected claims. Early and favorable consideration of the present application is earnestly solicited.

If this communication is filed after the statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner for Patents is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. §1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

Respectfully submitted,



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